अन्वेषण ब्यूरो को सौंप दिया गया है । हवाई अड्डा भूमि को पट्टे पर देने संबंधी मौजूदा प्रणालियों और कार्यविधियोम की संवीक्षा के भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण को अनुदेश भी जारी किये गये है ।

अहमदाबाद हवाई अड्डे पर भूमि को पट्टे पर देने में अनियमितताओं का कोई मामला सरकार की जानकारी में नहीं आया है ।

Charter of Demands by Doordarshan Workers' Union

*139. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHAN-SINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers union has submitted charter of demands to the Director General of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of the demands made by the workers;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when these demands would be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMA-TION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) Different Associations of employees working in Doordarshan have been representing, from time to time, regarding grievances relating to their service conditions. Whereas, it is not possible always to meet all the demands of these Service Associations, it is the endeavour of the Government to settle various issues within the framework of the existing rules and regulations governing the service conditions of Central Government Employees issued by Ministry of Finance and Deptt, of Personnel and Training from time to time. Since the final decision on the demands of the Association can be taken only in consultation with Ministry of Finance and Deptt, of Personnel & Training, it is not possible to indicate any time limit in this regard.

Proposal to Augment Air India Fleet

*140. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India propose to procure additional aircraft to agument its fleet or to replace the out dated an aged aircraft;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) A tentative medium term fleet plan of Air India covering the period 1994-95 to 2001/02 has been drawn up which envisages increase of fleet strength from the existing 26 aircraft to 54 aircraft by the year 2001/2002.

Air India has signed an agreement with Boeing Air Plane Company in January, 1995 for acquisition of two B747-400 aircraft to be delivered in July and August, 1996. With this induction, Air India planes to retire one old B747-200. The Plan also envisages the induction of the MCLR aircraft from 1997/98 onwards; with this induction, Air India proposes to phase out the major part of its fleet of B747-200s.

Opening of Offices of Garments Export Promotion Council in Kerala and Bihar

765. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to open offices of Garments Export Promotion Council in Kerala and Binar is lying

pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the aetion being taken by Government thereon?

TUB MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Though there have been requests for setting up offices of the Apparel Export Promotion Council in various parts of the country, no propositi of the Apparel Export Promotion Council for opening of offices is pending with the Government. Depending on the number of exporters located in a particular area, the volume of their exports, resources available with the Council etc., the Council itself takes a decision to open new offices.

Repair of Electrostatic Precipitators of NTPC, Farakka

766. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 5369 dated 9lh May, 1995 and stale:

(a) whether the final cost of repairs of electrostatic precipitators of units IV and V of NTPC, Farakka has been finalised;

(h) whether the supplier has borne the total cost of repair and modification; if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) what had been financial loss to NTPC because of the estimated loss of 3071 MUs and 144 MUs to unit IV and V on account of failure of ESP of unit IV?

DIE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) The major cost of repair will be borne by the supplier while some local cost will be borne by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). Besides, NTPC has issued construction materials required for the purpose.

(c) It is difficult to quantify the financial loss to NTPC as despite the capacity created, it has not been possible to operate Farakka Thermal Power Project even at the present created capacity because of grid restrictions.

Facilities at Bangalore Airport Complex

767. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Bangalore airport complex was built on a landing site for Hindustan Aeronautics capable of handling around 700 passengers a day;

(b) what is the number of passengers handled presently at Bangalore airport and what are the additional facilities built, commensurate with the increase in passenger traffic; and

(c) what arc the plans on the anvil/ pipeline to augment the facilities at Bangalore airport and by when these arc likely to be fully functional?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Bangalore airport belongs to Hindustan Aeronautics limited. At present, this airport handles about 550 passengers. Airports authority of India (AAI) is undertaking the work of expansion of existing terminal building, which is expected to be completed by March, 1996. On completion, this building will have a capacity to handle 2000 passengers during peak hours.

AAI has also plans to construct a new International Block for which tenders have been called for and the work is expected to be completed in 18 months from the date of award of the work.